

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM CENTRAL TIME

Summary of Meeting Themes:

- Mathematica presented an overview of the Point-In-Time (PIT) screening task including the goals, priority domains of the tool, and communication plan. Steering committee members provided the following feedback on the messaging for the PIT screening task:
 - Members suggested using plain language that acknowledges the known challenges with the system but encourages participation among individuals to help make the system better.
 - Members suggested having legislative leadership involved in the messaging to show that they support this new screening to encourage participation among individuals who use CBS services.
 - Members emphasized clearly stating that participating in the PIT screening is optional and will not negatively impact an individual's place on the waitlist.
- Steering committee members had additional questions about the PIT screening tool:
 - Members wanted to clarify whether the PIT screening could identify individuals on a waitlist who are not eligible for the waiver. Mathematica explained that, while the screening could identify that an individual on the waitlist is not eligible for the waiver at the time of the PIT screening, this would not lead to any action and it would not impact the individual.
 - Members asked if the PIT screening will consider family dynamics and caregiver capacity. Mathematica explained that the [Waiver Prioritization Needs Assessment \(WPNA\)](#) that Iowa HHS has developed does take these factors into account when determining individual level of need.
- Mathematica presented an overview of the system navigation task including the purpose, discussing the existing Compass resource directory, and the task's plans to develop long-term services and supports (LTSS) personas. The personas will be used to show how components of HOME project activities will impact or be experienced by different LTSS populations. Steering committee members provided the following feedback on the system navigation task:
 - Several members stated they had used Compass, and some found it easy to navigate with many resources. One member did not find it helpful after losing access to services.
 - Members suggested including additional characteristics for the LTSS personas, such as school enrollment, out of state placement, foster care involvement for children, transitions from the child to adult system, substance abuse issues, ethnicity/diversity, and individuals whose primary language is not English.

- Mathematica presented an overview of the waiver redesign task, specifically the two options for the future tiered HOME waivers. Option 1 focuses more on the needs across the lifespans and has two waivers split by age, while Option 2 focuses on the needs within home settings and offers two waivers by setting type. Steering committee members provided the following feedback on both waiver options:
 - Members had positive reactions to both options but emphasized they would need to know what services were offered under each option to decide which was best.
 - Members explained that currently the monetary difference between levels is extreme, so the levels of budgeting need to be considered in both tiered waiver options to ensure all needs are being met.
 - Members emphasized that it's important for the waiver options to allow individuals to decide how and where they want to live and receive services.
 - When asked to pick an option, many members picked Option 1 citing that it made sense to separate children and adults and there was less risk for services to be disparate based on varying settings, family dynamics, and supports.
 - Most members opted for a hybrid option where children and adults are served on one waiver with a comprehensive and flexible services package. They suggested this would allow individuals and families to determine whether or not to receive their services in their own home or in a residential setting by a provider.
- Mathematica closed by confirming the next steering committee meeting on Tuesday, October 31, from 3:00-4:30. Mathematica will send the agenda and slides in advance.